



## OPERATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this operational memo is to advise eligibility sites of the increased resource limits for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualified Individuals (QI-1), and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) resource limits.

### **Information:**

Section 112 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), signed into law on July 15, 2008, amended Section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act to make the resource limit for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 conform to the resource limit for individuals who qualify for the full subsidy Medicare Part D LIS. The resource limit does not apply for the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) program. The resource test was increased effective January 1, 2020 for QMB, SLMB, QI-1 and LIS and is listed below.

<b>QMB</b>			<b>SLMB</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Individual	\$9,230	\$9,360	Individual	\$9,230	\$9,360
Couple	\$14,600	\$14,800	Couple	\$14,600	\$14,800

<b>QI-1</b>			<b>QDWI</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Individual	\$9,230	\$9,360	Individual	\$4,000	\$4,000
Couple	\$14,600	\$14,800	Couple	\$6,000	\$6,000

(MSP Resource limits include \$1,500 burial inclusion for individual and \$3,000 burial inclusion for couple)

<b>Low Income Subsidy</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Individual	\$14,390	\$14,610
Couple	\$28,720	\$29,160

**Attachment(s):**

None

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